



## learning community charter school

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### FRIDAY FLIER (11/06/09)

- 1) **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES / HALF-DAYS** are **Thurs., 11/12** and **Tues., 11/17!**
  - ▶ **NOTE: NO WALK-IN** appointments will be available! You must call to schedule a time.  
While their parents are conferencing, K-4 students may stay for free at **THINK TANK**.
    - **ALL GRADES** must call the main desk at school, 201-332-0900, to make appointments.
    - Report cards will be distributed.
    - **KIND. – 4th GRADE** appointments are available from 1 pm – 4:30 pm and 5:10 pm – 7 pm.  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL** teachers are available from 1 pm – 5pm and 5:30 – 7:30 pm for one hour blocks during which families will see all teachers. The last appointment for M.S. is at 6:30 pm.
      - Six families of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades will be scheduled for each hour.
      - Families should come promptly at the beginning of the hour for which they are scheduled!!
      - Middle School students are encouraged to attend conferences with their parents.
    - **HALF-DAY DISMISSAL** is at 12:20. **THINK TANK** is available both days from 12:20 – 6 pm.
- 2) **NEIGHBORHOOD INCIDENT:** Thursday after dismissal there was an altercation involving several LCCS students and a family that lives on Kensington. No one was hurt and a student immediately reported the incident to Principal Ciarrocca and Asst. Principal Rice. They spoke to our students and the mother involved, who resides in the house on Kensington, about the causes of the altercation and will continue to investigate the incident. All parents are urged to talk to their children about respecting our neighbors and their property.
- 3) **ABSENCES ARE INCREASING.** If your child is absent because of illness, even if mild and only for a day, please call Nurse Monya McCarty at x17. Strep throat continues to be a problem in the school. Please be vigilant about reporting any contagious conditions like strep, pinkeye, head lice, or flu-like symptoms. It is very important for Nurse Monya to be aware of any potentially widespread health issues in the LCCS community. If your child sees a doctor, ask for a note clearing the child for a return to school.
- 4) **BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR** at a hair accessory fundraiser! Beautiful headbands, barrettes, bow-holders, hats and many more handmade accessories. **WHEN: 11/16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>** after school. **WHERE:** In the auditorium at dismissal and at the front desk after 3:30. Sample items will be on view in the main office starting Monday.
- 5) **THE 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PENNY DRIVE** begins **Monday, 11/16:** Once again it is time to collect those pennies! (bigger change and dollars are welcome too!) In the past three years we have raised over \$8000 for three organizations: the Sharing Place Food Program in Jersey City; Play Pumps, who install water pumps in Africa that work as merry-go-rounds; and an organization that clears land mines in war zones. This year we will be raising funds for the food pantry at St. Aloysius Church, our neighbor on West Side Avenue. The food pantry is open two Saturdays a month and provides food to our neighbors in the community. This is a way for us to honor the name of the school that was in our building for decades as well as make a positive impact on our immediate community! Please turn in money collected to your child's teacher. The drive will end on Friday, **12/18**.

- 6) **THINK TANK NEWS:**
- If you have spoken to Charlotte this fall about teaching a club please get in touch again by emailing her at [charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org](mailto:charlotte-kreutz@lccsnj.org). Clubs are now being considered for inclusion in the Winter Session which runs from **12/14** until **3/26**.
  - Registration forms for the Winter session, starting **12/14**, will be attached to the **11/20** Friday Flier.
  - Invoices have not yet been mailed for payments still due for the Fall Think Tank session and for September and October “one day” balances. If you know your balance you may send it in now. The invoices should be going out next week.
- 7) **THE NOVEMBER PTO** meeting will be on Wed. **11/18** at 7 pm. LCCS parent Corinne Mulrenan has generously offered to host the meeting. Her address is 330 Montgomery Street. The PTO welcomes all interested parents. Come to join and help LCCS. Please email Laura McDonald at [lauramcdonald2@verizon.net](mailto:lauramcdonald2@verizon.net) for more information.
- 8) Families are welcome to attend the pre-Thanksgiving **K-4 SING-ALONG ASSEMBLY** on Wednesday, **11/25** from 9:00 – 9:30 am in the auditorium (5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.)
- 9) The 4th annual **WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER** at the home of Karen Lorentz and Rick Spilman will be on **Saturday, 12/5 at 7 pm**. Don't miss one of the social highlights of the season! Come and sample an engaging assortment of wines, with professional instruction, at the Lorentz/Spilman townhouse on Varick Street. Light refreshments will be served. The seating is limited. \$50 per ticket. RSVP to Karen and Rick at 201-332-6388 or [Karen1227@comcast.net](mailto:Karen1227@comcast.net).
- 10) **TWO CHANCES** to enjoy a delicious meal at **MADAME CLAUDE CAFÉ**.
- **Buy a raffle ticket** for \$10 and win a dinner for two that will include a lovely gift basket of wine, cheese and more. Valued at \$250, tickets are available at the front desk or at the restaurant. The drawing will be on **12/21**.
  - **Let the Holiday Cheer Continue...**with a fundraiser at Madame Claude Café on **12/14**. Enjoy a delicious four course meal and wine instruction from an expert and win a chance for a private wine tasting in your home. \$80 for one person or \$150 for two. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call Yeon Benkovitz at 201-988-3076. *See attached flier for details.*
- 11) **APPLICATIONS** for **NEW STUDENTS** and Kindergarten-aged siblings of current students are available for the **2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR** from 9am – 3pm. Applications must be returned by Friday, **1/8** to be included in the lottery. Please pass the word to friends and neighbors. We strongly urge all prospective families to visit the school during one of the **OPEN HOUSES** – the first one is Saturday, **11/14** at 10 am. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Prospective Kindergarteners who are younger siblings of current students are automatically accepted, but must fill out applications to reserve a space.
- NOTE:** Applications are available only at the front desk of LCCS.  
Applications must be submitted in person by the prospective student's parent.
- 12) **MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for LUNCH AND RECESS!** Just an hour of your time once or twice a week would be of great help! The lunch and recess for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades is from 11:00am to 12:00pm and Kindergarten is from 12:20 to 1:30pm. For more information on volunteering, please call Yeon Benkovitz @ 201-988-3076.
- 13) **THE OVERFLOWING LOST AND FOUND** has been bagged and taken to a charity. Anything with a child's name written on it will remain in the lost and found.
- 14) The **LCCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will meet Tuesday, **11/10** at 6pm. Meetings are open to the public.

15) Back by popular demand, a **2009-10 SCHOOL CALENDAR** is attached.

16) **THANK YOU:**

- To the volunteers for lunch and recess. It is very much appreciated.
- Michael Pilgram for fixing the pulley for the screen on our stage.
- Parents for many donations of games and activities for indoor recess. Keep them coming!
- Thanks to all of the parents who responded to 1st Grade mom Jen Hughes' request for names and addresses of family members who are interested in supporting LCCS. **If you would like to supply the school with family information and haven't filled out a form please contact Shelley Skinner, Director of Development & Community Relations at x25.**

**IF YOU HAVE READ TO THIS POINT,  
please send a return email with the words "DID IT" in the subject line. We would like to  
know how many families are actually reading the Friday Flier to the end.**

*Let the Holiday Cheer Continue...*

*with a fundraiser hosted by  
Madame Claude Café. Parent Alice Troietto has again  
enthusiastically agreed to host a fantastic evening of  
delicious food and merriment.*

*This is a great opportunity to meet new LCCS families  
as well as reconnect with old friends.*

*Please join us on Monday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm at  
Madame Claude Café*

*364 4<sup>th</sup> St. (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Brunswick)*

*Dinner includes a 4-course menu.*

*Each course will be accompanied by wine selected by*

*Scott Rosenbaum, Dir. Of Operations*

*at International Wine Center.*

*\$80 per person, \$150 for two*

*Space is limited to 35.*

*For more information or to reserve a seat,  
please call Yeon Benkovitz at 201-988-3076.*

*All money raised will go to LCCS and will be  
matched by our corporate sponsors.*

*There will be an opportunity to win a private wine  
tasting in the comfort of your home.*

### July 2009

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009-2010

### September

- 3: Staff Returns (Thurs)
- 10: First Day of School (Thurs)
- 10,11: Kindergarten Half-Days
- 14: Think Tank Begins;
- Kindergarten Full Day Begins
- 22: Curriculum Night (Tues)

### October

- 12: Columbus Day / NO SCHOOL
- 26: Staff Development / NO SCHOOL (Mon)

### November

- 12: Parent Conferences / HALF DAY (Thurs)
- 17: Parent Conferences / HALF DAY (Tues)
- 25: HALF DAY (No Think Tank)
- 26-27: Thanksgiving Vacation / NO SCHOOL

### December

- 23: HALF DAY (No Think Tank)
- 24-Jan. 1: Winter Vacation / NO SCHOOL

### January

- 4: School Resumes (Mon)
- 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / NO SCHOOL

### February

- 15-19: Midwinter Recess / NO SCHOOL

### March

- 18: Parent Conferences / HALF DAY (Thurs)
- 23: Parent Conferences / HALF DAY (Tues)

### April

- 2: Good Friday / NO SCHOOL
- 5-9: Spring Recess / NO SCHOOL
- 27-30: Grade 7 & 8 NJASK Testing

### May

- 3-6: Grade 5 & 6 NJASK Testing
- 10-13: Grade 3 NJASK Testing
- 10-14: Grade 4 NJASK Testing
- 31: Memorial Day / NO SCHOOL

### June

- 21: Graduation (Mon)
- 24: Last Day of School / HALF DAY (Thurs)
- 25: Last Day for Staff

School Hours 8:20 am – 3:00 pm

School Closed

Half-day Hours 8:20 am – 12:20 pm

Important Event

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